

DEFAULTER'S BODY IN SURE

IS ASSISTANT TREASURER OF
WESTINGHOUSE COMPANY.

Officials Think St. John's Shortage May Be
Covered by His Bond of \$15,000, but
Are Not Sure He Had Held Place
for Years and Was Well Thought Of.

The body of Edward St. John, who for several years had been assistant treasurer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company at 165 Broadway, was found floating in the surf off West Point, Coney Island, yesterday afternoon by an employee of the Park Department, who waded out and brought ashore. Not long after the body was taken to the morgue of the Coney Island Hospital it was learned from officers of the Westinghouse company that a hurried examination of Mr. St. John's accounts showed a shortage of several thousand dollars.

Mr. St. John was bonded by the American Surety Company for \$15,000. Charles A. Terry, third vice-president of the electrical company, was of the opinion last night that the bond would cover the shortage. Mr. Terry added, however, that the examination of St. John's accounts, which will be begun to-day, possibly may show that the hypothecated securities to the value of twice the amount of the bond, although he did not think that was probable.

St. John lived with his wife and two young children at 593 East Nineteenth street, Flatbush. Although he had shown signs of extreme nervousness lately, neither his family nor the officers of the Westinghouse company were especially concerned about him until Wednesday evening when he left the office ostensibly to go home but did not do so.

Mr. St. John left his home on Wednesday morning as usual to go to his office. He seemed comparatively cheerful at the time, though his friends say that he has been nervously depressed for the last week. The depression appeared to be caused by a severe cold from which he had been suffering. That was the last seen of him. At 8 o'clock Wednesday night he called Mrs. St. John on the telephone.

"I am not coming home to-night," he said. Mrs. St. John was surprised at his speaking so abruptly and asked him why he was not coming home. "I am going out," he replied and hung up the receiver. She tried to get him back, supposing he had been out of his head, but she was unable. That was the last heard of him until his body was found.

When St. John's secretary arrived at the office yesterday morning he found a note stuck up in a conspicuous place asking him to send any mail matter that might come for St. John to his home in Brooklyn. The note, added to the telephone calls which the company officials had received from Mrs. St. John asking as to the whereabouts of her husband, caused the Westinghouse people to begin an inquiry for the missing man. Nothing was learned about him until a reporter called up the office in the afternoon to say that the body of a man about 60 years old, fully clothed, in whose overcoat pocket were the cards of Edward St. John, had been found in the Coney Island surf. Where St. John spent his time between 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, when he left the office, and the time of his death is not known.

"The first hint of irregularity," Mr. Terry said last night, "in Mr. St. John's accounts came to us this morning when we saw the note he had left for his secretary, and also heard that he had not been at home all night. I surmise that the cause of Mr. St. John's troubles was speculation, although I do not know for sure. Setting aside altogether the matter of financial loss we are all very sorry for Mr. St. John and his family."

"He came here from Pittsburgh ten years ago and has been one of our best employees. We've known him only as a clean straight man until this happened. I suppose that when things went against him because of speculation he hypothesized some of the securities which passed through his hands. This is the only explanation that I can give."

Willard A. Easestey, secretary of the company, said that he could not tell last night the extent of St. John's hypothecations. "Our treasurer, R. W. Simon," Mr. Easestey said, "has been telegraphed for. Mr. Simon left Pittsburgh to-night and will be here in the morning to take charge of Mr. St. John's office and go over his accounts."

St. John's secretary said that for many weeks he had shown signs of nervousness. He had complained, the secretary said, that he had been unable to sleep. Liquors which he called at his home in Brooklyn the body was found were referred to by Mrs. St. John to Lawyer Samuel St. John McCutchen of the law firm of Fletcher, McCutchen & Brown, 76 William street.

Mr. McCutchen, who went to the Coney Island morgue upon hearing of the suicide, later told also of St. John's poor health recently. Mr. McCutchen would not discuss St. John's affairs.

"If Mr. St. John had only come to us," said one official of the company yesterday afternoon, "and had made a clean breast of his troubles, I'm sure we could have found some way to clear them up. Perhaps we are somewhat to blame for letting him get on as deeply as he did. He was a likable man and his services were of value to us, and I'm sure we could have straightened things out for him so that he might have remained in our employ indefinitely."

Mrs. St. John is a sister of President Phineas of Rochester University. President Phineas reached the house last night in response to a telegram. There is a daughter, Grace, 19 years old, who was graduated last June from Erasmus Hall High School, and two sons, Morgan, who is in business at Hartford, Conn., and Angel St. John, who is a professor at College in Virginia.

Mr. St. John was a very robust man, according to one of his friends, and a fast walker. In milder weather he and his daughter Grace were in the habit of taking to Coney Island from their home at Flatbush for the recreation. Mr. St. John formerly lived in Plainfield, N. J. He left there to go to Denver. Returning

EXPLOSION WARRANTS ISSUED

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE LAID
AGAINST EIGHT MEN.

Jersey Central and Du Pont Powder Company Officials and Employees to Be
Arrested—Railroad Violated Law
Requiring It to Have Explosives Permit.

Warrants were issued in Jersey City last night for the arrest of seven officers and employees of the Central Railroad Company and of the Du Pont Powder Company and for James Healing, owner of the Katherine W., one of the two lighters which were destroyed in the dynamite explosion of Wednesday.

The men against whom the warrants were issued are A. Hamilton, general freight agent of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, with an office at 143 Liberty street, New York; J. M. Morris, the Central Railroad of New Jersey freight agent at Communipaw; Louis F. Galidetta, dockmaster at Pier 7, who lives at 50 Saver street, Elizabeth, N. J., and who is an employee of the Jersey Central; Charles Ridder, checker at Pier 7, who lives at 12 Columbia street, Newark; another employee of the Jersey Central; Frederick Peters, manager of the Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company; R. A. or R. G. Morse, assistant manager of the Du Pont company; Capt. Burr St. John, superintendent of transportation of the Du Pont company; and James Healing, owner of the Katherine W., who lives at 188 Lexington avenue, Jersey City and has an office at 49 Hudson street, Jersey City.

The warrants are for manslaughter. Those responsible for the prosecution say that the charge of criminal negligence also will be involved.

The warrants were issued at 11:15 o'clock last night by Justice of the Peace Edward A. Ransom on the complaint of Detective Sergeants James F. Rooney and William B. Prescott on information supplied by detectives of the Police Department of Jersey City and detectives from the county prosecutor's office of Hudson county. The manslaughter charge is based on the death of Mike Maffei. The issuing of the warrants came at the conclusion of a conference in the police board office.

Those taking part in the conference were Police Commissioners George Witt, president of the board, and John H. Lippincott, Police Judge John Wahl Queen, Assistant City Attorney John Milton, Police Inspector John Kelly, Capt. Cody, acting Captain Dan Lee, head of the detective bureau, and several detectives from the detective bureau and Detective Charles Lock and McDonald of the prosecutor's office.

It was announced that the warrants will be served as soon as possible. As a result of the institution of the criminal proceedings, the investigation which was to have been begun by the police board on February 8 probably will be declared off, because the officials believe that the matter can better be threshed out in the criminal courts than in any other way.

Prosecutor Garven of Hudson county and Inspector of Combustibles Connolly after questioning the employees of the Du Pont de Nemours company and the Jersey Central Railroad in the morning said that it was up to the railroad to explain why the Du Pont company was permitted to dump tons of giant powder on Pier 7 in direct violation of the State law. There lay the heart of the matter, as the Jersey City officials saw it.

The law that had been violated was an act of 1907, establishing the State office of Inspector of Combustibles. It forbade the handling or keeping of dynamite or any other explosive without a permit from the Inspector of Combustibles and it fixed a fine of \$25 for the first offense and \$25 for every day thereafter.

Inspector Connolly has issued no licenses to the railroad or the powder company and was astonished when the explosion itself told him that tremendous quantities of dynamite were being moved around New Jersey of which his department had no record.

The law reads: No person, persons or corporation shall have, keep, cause or permit to be kept in any building, structure, vessel, vehicle, or in any other place, any explosive, nitroglycerine or blast oil, dynamite, or any other explosive, without first obtaining from the inspector of combustibles and fire risks a permit to do so and such inspector of combustibles and fire risks shall have the power and authority and it shall be the duty of the said inspector to enforce or assist in enforcing any and all ordinances of any such city relating to fire, explosives and combustibles and to report to the proper authorities violations of any ordinance relating to buildings or the construction, alteration or repairs thereof which may come to his attention.

Any person, persons or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act or any of the terms of any permit issued in conformity herewith and by virtue of the authority herein granted shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for the first offense and \$25 for every day thereafter so long as the violation continues or exists.

Yesterday's preliminary investigation showed that the Katherine W. a small steamboat converted into a lighter and which was blown to smithereens at noon Wednesday, was an old offender in running dynamite through New York harbor. James Healing of Jersey City, who owned the boat and who leased her frequently to the Du Pont de Nemours people, admitted that the Katherine W. never had a license for handling powder, and he said he knew the Du Pont people hadn't got permits for the Jeanette, Whittier and Repetto, their own lighters.

Connolly learned that the Katherine had been ordered away from Manhattan last December and that the Bureau of Combustibles had seized 2,500 pounds of dynamite and 10,000 percussion caps that the Katherine had dropped on Pier 8 in the East River and sent them to Riker's Island. Fire Commissioner Waldo made the Keystone National Powder Company for violating the regulations and wrote to District Attorney Whitman asking that an attempt be made to bring the guilty persons to justice. Mr. Connolly was informed that the lighter was ordered away.

Under the laws of West Virginia Mrs. Elkins is entitled to one-third of the property, both real and personal. The Senator, who provided that all the children, including the two by his first wife, should share and share alike.

Mrs. Elkins was dissatisfied with the arrangement and by insisting upon her dower rights she will secure absolutely anywhere from six to eight million dollars, leaving the remaining two-thirds to be equally distributed among the seven children.

While the amount they will share will not be so large as they would have received had the will been allowed to stand, the widow can by leaving all her holdings to her own children materially increase their proportion, while the shares of the two by the first wife will be correspondingly decreased. The latter are Mrs. Weiderseim and Mrs. Oliphant. Mrs. Elkins's children are David, Richard, Stephen B., Jr., Blaine and Katherine.

Following is the document filed with the County Court:

1. Hallie Davis Elkins, widow of Stephen B. Elkins, deceased, under the provisions of section 11, chapter 78, of the Laws of the State of West Virginia, do hereby instrument in writing, renounce the provisions made for me in the will of my husband, Stephen B. Elkins, which will was dated and acknowledged on the 26th day of September, 1910, and probated on the 7th day of January, 1911, in the County Court of Randolph county, West Virginia, and declare it to be my desire and purpose to take and have such share of my husband's real and personal estate as I would have had if he had died intestate, leaving children.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of January, 1911.

HALLIE D. ELKINS.

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One night out to Palm Beach.
The only complete all-Palm Beach electric lighted
limited train to Florida. Four hours quick to
Tampa. Inquire 1145 Broadway.—Ad.

CO. E, 71ST, EXPELS HIM.

Carruthers Was Named in His Captain's
Divorce Complaint.

William K. Carruthers, who was named
in the original complaint as one of four
correspondents in the divorce suit brought
last year by Capt. James Eben of Com-
pany E of the Seventy-first Regiment,
N. G. N. Y., but whose name did not
figure in the evidence upon which Justice
Blanchard granted an interlocutory de-
creed in December, was expelled last night
from that company of militia. He says
he is going to "appeal to the highest
military authorities, and if necessary to
the courts."

There were originally five specifications upon which Carruthers, who was formerly a corporal, was to be brought before his comrades. The first alleged that he had deserted his wife and children, the second said he had invaded the "sanctity of the home," had committed desecration and had betrayed another's confidence. These two charges were quashed last night. A third charge, that he had kept \$30 due the company for tickets which he had sold on an automobile raffle at the army, was laid off the table.

He was also accused of attempting to secure his release from the company by fraud, claiming residence in Connecticut, and failing to notify the company of his change of address. It was on these that he was expelled.

Carruthers said after he had taken off his uniform and left the armory that the charges regarding violation of technicalities were trumped up. He considered himself a soldier who had been disgraced because he was alleged to have offended the Captain in private life. He said he had never been guilty of the misconduct charged in Capt. Eben's original suit for divorce and that when he tried to introduce evidence to that effect last night Lieut. Charles P. Turner, who was presiding, wouldn't let it in. He also said that he had applied for honorable discharge from the service on the ground of non-residence and was turned down.

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BOYS SHOT BY GIRL PLAYMATE?

CHILDREN FOUND REVOLVER
IN VACANT LOT.

Supposed to Have Been Thrown There by
an Italian Strike Breaker Who Shot
Striker Who Attacked Him—Boys
Are Dying—Little Girl Is in Custody.

A revolver thought to have been used yesterday morning by an Italian strike breaker in a Brooklyn shoe factory to shoot down a striker who attacked him on the way to work and then thrown into a vacant lot by the man as he fled was found late in the afternoon by four little children who were playing house in the lot. Now the two boys are dying in the Cumberland Street Hospital and a little girl of 11 is held by the Brooklyn Gerry society suspected of shooting both boys with one bullet.

The children are Thomas Kennedy, Jr., 7 years old, son of Thomas Kennedy, a driver living at 137 Steuben street; Joseph Britton, Jr., 15 years old, son of a horsehoes living at 90 Classon avenue; Josephine Kennedy, 10 years old, sister of the Kennedy boy, and Marion Riddle, 11 years old, who lives on the floor above the Kennedys at 137 Steuben street.

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The Suchard to Be Tried Near Berlin.
Then Taken to Cape Verde Islands.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The airship Suchard, with which it is intended to attempt a transatlantic flight, is practically completed at Kiel.

It will have several trials in Germany, beginning on February 15, after which it will be shipped to St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, to await a suitable wind.

SCHAEFER'S AUTO WRECKED.
Steering Gear Went Wrong, Hit a Trolley Pole, Machine Hurt.

George G. Schaefer, treasurer of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company, purchased a new automobile a few days ago. Gus Maus, the chauffeur, and George E. Smith, a machinist of 997 Park avenue, took the machine out last night to give it a trial. At a fair speed on Southern Boulevard something went wrong with the steering gear and the auto swerved to the sidewalk, crashing into a trolley pole.

Just beyond the curb is an excavation twenty-five feet deep. The trolley pole prevented the car from plunging down upon a gang of laborers working below. Maus was pinned in the machine by the wheel, but Smith was thrown out and had his face, head and knees cut. The engine of the machine was smashed and both front wheels were torn off.

TRIPLE ENTENTE SOLID.
French Foreign Minister Says Potsdam Conference Didn't Harm It.

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PARIS, Feb. 2.—In the Senate to-day M. Pichon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, made a strong statement rebutting the intimations which followed the Russo-German rapprochement that the Triple Entente was no longer existent and that, anyway, it was sterile, and that Russia had not informed France and England of her recent negotiations with Potsdam. M. Pichon declared the charges were groundless. The entente, he declared, was never more complete or more productive than to-day. The political position of France was never better.

Russia, he said, had kept France most completely informed of the Potsdam negotiations, and there was nothing to regret from those negotiations, either for the interests of France or for the interests of peace.

POST OFFICE APOLOGIZES.
If Your Letter Is Greasy or Torn Open—The Air Tube Husted.

The pneumatic tube that shoots the mail from the Grand Central Station down to the Post Office was out of commission for a few hours last night. Just what happened, however, until a sack of mail reached the Post Office tomorrow and the letters in it covered with grease. The letters were in such a filthy condition that the Post Office clerks used a rubber stamp of apology on each: "Received in bad condition from pneumatic tube."

The compressed air of the tube tore open some of the letters.

TAFT SIGHTSEEING AGAIN.
Takes a Walk to Georgetown and Back and Visits Pan-American Building.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. President Taft sightseeing about the capital again to-day. He had work aside early in the afternoon and with Secretary Norton, Mr. A. W. Butt and two secret service men started out for a long walk. The Presidential party went west through an older part of Washington to Georgetown and then back down the Potomac through Potomac Park.

Coming north from Potomac Park the President visited the building of the Pan-American Union on Seventeenth street. He admired the architecture, which he said combined the efficiency of the modern office structure with the Spanish beauty of design.

Director Barrett, who discovered Mr. Taft in the Potomac, was glad to show him the fountain that stands in the patio in the center of the building for the President's entertainment.

CHAMP CLARK'S MULES READY.
Finest Team in America at His Disposal to Drive Down Pennsylvania Avenue.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Feb. 2. Col. Luke Emerson of Pike county, who is a dyed in the wool Republican, announced to-day that he had received a letter from Congressman Champ Clark saying that he expects to ride down Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, to the national Capitol when the new Congress opens March 4 behind a pair of Emerson's Missouri mules.

Emerson explains that he and Clark had agreed five years ago that Emerson would furnish the mules and that Clark would drive them down Pennsylvania avenue to the Capitol on the day Clark is elected Speaker of the House. Emerson added:

"I shall keep my part of the agreement. I have the mules ready. I have had them on extra feed ever since the last Congress election turned us Republicans down. They are stylish as peacocks, sleek as moles, roached and trimmed to the queen's taste and the finest looking pair in America."

WEST WINDS SLOW LINERS.
Several Delayed Incomers Report Themselves by Wireless.

Tumult in the Atlantic lane has upset the schedules of the liners. The Lusitania, which usually pokes her nose past the Ambrose Channel lightship on Thursday night and occasionally comes to her dock before midnight, was bucking heavy head seas and a heavy gale from the west when she reported herself at noon yesterday 425 miles east of the lightship. She was off Nantucket at 9 P. M.

The St. Paul of the American Line, running as a White Star ship, reported her speed 300 miles east of the lightship at 11 o'clock yesterday morning in a heavy westerly gale. The Ryndam of the Holland-America Line and the Red Star liner Finland, each three days late, will be in this morning. The Florida of the French Line, carrying steerage passengers and freight, got in last night after a seventeen day trip.

ALL "EAST COAST" PORTS REACHED BY N. Y. & FLORIDA SPECIAL.
Atlantic Coast Line, 136 P. M. New Penn. 3. 50th Ld. Trains Daily. 1215 S.Wap.—Ad.

ARNOLD THRASHED GRISCOM

AND TOOK FROM HIM A LETTER
OF DOROTHY'S DATED NOV. 27.

This Was in Florence in the Presence
of the Girl's Mother—Mrs. Arnold Now
Returning—Story of the Courtship
Search Shifts to Philadelphia.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Feb. 2.—Dorothy Arnold's mother is now on her way back to New York. She sailed from Genoa several days ago, after she had convinced herself that George S. Griscom, Jr., knew nothing about the young woman's present whereabouts.

It was not, however, until after young John W. Arnold, Dorothy's elder brother, had thrashed Griscom in the latter's room in a Florence hotel and had taken from Griscom's pockets while the man lay on the floor Dorothy's last letter to him that the mother was persuaded that the Pittsburgher knew no more than herself where Miss Arnold is now.

Contrary to the reports from New York, disseminated apparently by a representative of the family, that the mother and the son did not come to Europe for the express purpose of interviewing Mr. Griscom, it may be stated as a fact that the Arnolds went from New York to Florence by the quickest possible route and that their sole reason for coming abroad was to afford the mother an opportunity for making a personal appeal to Griscom.

Mrs. Arnold had made up her mind after reading letters sent by Griscom through the general delivery in New York to her daughter and which were found in Miss Arnold's room after her disappearance that there was abundant reason why she should interview Griscom. Having located him in Florence by cable, Mrs. Arnold and her son sailed on January 5. On January 18 they arrived in Florence and went immediately to the Anglo-American Hotel.

Mrs. Arnold was heavily veiled and showed traces of agitation. Young Mr. Arnold inquired where the Griscom apartment was and sent a message to George S. Griscom, Sr. The father made it imperative for the son to receive Mr. Arnold and her son.

Just what passed between the mother and Griscom as soon as the Arnolds were admitted is known only to those who took part in the talk; but it has been ascertained that immediately after Griscom had replied to Mrs. Arnold